

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 2 and 3. These sheets, which include Figs. 2 and 3 replace the original sheets containing Figs. 2 and 3. Reference numeral 38 has been added to Fig. 2 and reference numerals 37, 37' have been added to Fig. 3.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (2)

REMARKS

The office action of September 22, 2004, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that the drawings are objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) and 1.84(p)(5).

The disclosure and claims 6 and 7 are objected to for containing various informalities.

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Finally, it is noted that claims 1-8 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112.

In view of the Examiner's various objections and rejections, applicant has amended the specification, Figs. 2 and 3, and claims 1 and 3-7.

In light of these changes, applicant respectfully submits that the objections to the drawings are overcome and should be withdrawn. All the reference numerals in the drawings are mentioned in the specification, all the reference numerals mentioned in the specification are present in the drawings, and all of the features recited in the claims are shown in the drawings.

Furthermore, with the present changes it is respectfully submitted that the objections to the disclosure and claims 6 and 7 are overcome and should be withdrawn. Applicant has corrected the informalities pointed out by the Examiner.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims now on file contain subject matter which is sufficiently described in the specification so as to enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention. Applicant has amended the claims and the specification in an effort to address the Examiner's concerns. It is respectfully submitted that those skilled in the art would have no difficulty in understanding the invention and all its features based upon the description provided by the specification and drawings. A more detailed description of features is not believed necessary for a thorough understanding of the invention by one

skilled in the art.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph is overcome and should be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims now on file particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended the claims to address the instances of indefiniteness cited by the Examiner.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with this application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

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